

**IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A PERMIT DUE TO THE MEDICARE COMPETITIVE BIDDING, YOU MUST APPLY FOR A NON-PRESCRIPTION CATEGORY II PERMIT. \* THIS PERMIT WILL COVER YOU FOR THE SHIPPING AND SUPPLYING OF DIABETES TESTING SUPPLIES (DIABETIC MONITORS, TESTING STRIPS AND LANCETS), ALONG WITH E.D. PUMPS AND SHOE INSERTS. IT DOES NOT COVER PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN INSULIN.**

***Also excluded are CPAP/RADs, food pumps, nebulizers, oxygen (gas) and negative pressure wound therapy pumps – these items require a different permit – see FAQs below.***

\* If you already hold a non-resident pharmacy permit with the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy; you do not need to apply for a non-prescription permit. The diabetic supplies are covered under your pharmacy permit.

**PERMIT:** Apply online at [www.azpharmacy.gov](http://www.azpharmacy.gov). Pay with MC/Visa/Discover/AmEx.

Apply by mail; See under 'forms' on website. Pay with check or money order.

**FEE:** Our fees are prorated depending on the month applied. There is a fee chart, under 'forms', 'other'. You can also call the office, 602-771-2727 for the latest fee.

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## **FAQ:**

### **What is the difference between a category I and category II?**

The categories are determined by the amount of items you stock. A category I is less than 30, a category II is more than 30.

For example: *You stock Acme Diabetic Monitors, model numbers A1, A2, A3, B4 and B5; along with four types of testing strips produced by ACME and another single type of testing strip produced by ABC Company. That would already be considered 10 items out of your 30.*

While your current stock may come in at under 30, if granted a Medicare / Medicaid contract, you will be required to increase your product line which should put you above the 30 mark.

### **We have items that contain insulin. How do we get a permit?**

Insulin is considered to be a prescription drug and can only be supplied in Arizona if you are a pharmacy or a full service wholesaler.

If you already hold a non-resident pharmacy permit with the Arizona Board, you are dispensing the insulin under that permit.

If you do not hold a permit; you may apply for a pharmacy permit, if you are licensed as a pharmacy within your state. If you are not a pharmacy; you may apply for a full-service wholesale permit. Under the wholesale permit; you are supplying the insulin product, on 'order of the physician'. These permits would also cover you for the diabetic testing supply product; thus a separate non-prescription permit would not be needed.

As a DME, you are required to meet the same licensure requirements as any other pharmacy or full service wholesaler. There are no exceptions to the pharmacist licensure requirement or surety bond requirements.

Guidelines for both of these applications; are located on the website [www.azpharmacy.gov](http://www.azpharmacy.gov); under 'forms'.

**We supply some of the items you listed as “excluded” from the non-prescription category II permit.  
What permit do I need for them?**

Oxygen (medical gases): Must have a compressed medical gas permit. This covers you for medical gases only – not for supplies and equipment.

Oxygen Supplies and Equipment: Tubing and masks do not require a permit. Nebulizers require a full service wholesale permit.

Standard Power Wheelchairs, Scooters, and Related Accessories: No permit is need for these item(s).

Complex Rehabilitative Power Wheelchairs and Related Accessories: No permit is need for these item(s).

Enteral Nutrient Equipment (food pump): A full service wholesale permit is required.

Enteral Nutrient Supplies: No permit is needed for tubing or the nutrient substance (i.e. Ensure...)

CPAP/ RADs (actual machine): A full service wholesale permit is required.

CPAP, RADs - Related Supplies and Accessories: No permit is needed for these item(s).

Hospital Beds and Related Accessories: No permit is needed for these item(s).

Walkers and Related Accessories: No permit is needed for these item(s).

Support Surfaces (mattresses and overlays): No permit is needed for these item(s).

**We have more than one location. Does every location need a permit?**

Every location that will be shipping into Arizona must have their own permit.

**When does the permit expire?**

Your permit will expire 10/31/2012. The prorated fee you pay covers you from when you submit the application until then.

**I supply other DME items not listed above or are diabetic. Do I need a permit?**

Please email a product list to [tpoetsch@azpharmacy.gov](mailto:tpoetsch@azpharmacy.gov). We can let you know if a permit would be needed.

**I'm still not sure what I need or what to do or I still have questions... Help?**

Please email [tpoetsch@azpharmacy.gov](mailto:tpoetsch@azpharmacy.gov). An answer will be provided within 24-48 business hours.